United States Embassy Nicosia, Cyprus Message for U.S. Citizens: Demonstrations about Ukraine

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Republic of Cyprus police report that demonstrations regarding the situation in Ukraine are scheduled at the U.S. Embassy and other sites in Nicosia on Saturday, March 8. Demonstrators plan to gather at the Russian Embassy at 11 am, at the U.S. Embassy at 11:45 am, and at the British High Commission at 12:30 pm.

The U.S. Embassy reminds U.S. citizens that even peaceful demonstrations can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. You should monitor local media reports, and avoid these areas while where demonstrations are underway. The U.S. Embassy in Nicosia has advised employees and family members to avoid the locations where these demonstrations are scheduled.

For additional information, refer to the "Travelers Checklist" on the State Department's website. We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens travelling to or residing in Cyprus enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at travel.state.gov. Enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the embassy to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy.

Regularly monitor the <u>Department's website</u> where you can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the <u>Country Specific Information for Cyprus</u>. Contact the embassy for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Facebook</u>.

The U.S. Embassy in Nicosia is located at the corner of Metochiou and Ploutarchou Streets, Engomi, Nicosia and is open from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, **the emergency telephone number** is +357 22 393 939. The Embassy's e-mail address is consularnicosia@state.gov.

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